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FROM FRANK C. CONAHAN, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

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SUBJ: GAO VISIT

1. GAO HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES TO STUDY DA'S PLAN TO ACQUIRE ROLAND SURFACE TO ARI MISSILE SYSTEM. SYSTEM IS PRODUCED IN EUROPE BY MESSERSCHMIDT-BOELKOW-BLOHM COMPANY OF GERMANY AND AEROSPATIALE COMPANY OF FRANCE. A BILATERAL TURST CALLED EUROMISSILE WAS ESTABLISHED TO LICENSE HUGHES AIRCRAFT CO IN FALIFORNIA TO MANUFACTUR THIS SYSTEM FOR THE U.S. ARMY.

2. THE COMMITTEE ASKED US TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS CONCERNING STATUS AND CAPABILITIES OF THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM AND ALSO REGARDING THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY. WE PLAN TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING PERSON IN FRANCE. OTHER CONTACTS MAY BE MADE IF NECESSARY: MR. LAURENS DELPECH, MINISTER DELEGATE FOR ARMAMENT, FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, PARIS: MR. STRIEGEL, HEAD OF EUROMISSILE, PARIS.

3. APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY LT. COL MARSHALL OF THE U.S. PROJECT LIAISON OFFICE IN APRIS. MESSRS. EDWARD MCLAUGHLIN AND PAUL CARPENTER OF MY STAFF AND MR. GEORGE SOUSA OF OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE WILL BE IN PARIS FEBRUARY 18-20, 1976, FOR THE MEETINGS.

4. DIRECTOR EURIPEAN BRANCH, USGAO, CERTIFIES THAT THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAVE
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BEEN GRANTED TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR OFFICIAL

PURPOSES ON THE BASIS OF FULL FIELD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE
HONORED UNLESS THE PERSONS NAMED BELOW PRESENT OFFICIAL
U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS: EDWARD J.
MCLAUGHLIN, BORN DECEMBER 27, 1946, DATE OF CLEARANCE
FEBRUARY 6, 1974; PAUL S. CARPENTER, BORN JULY 7, 1941,
DATE OF CLEARANCE SEPTEMBER 20, 1972, 1972; MR. SOUSA WILL PROVIDE
A SEPARATE LETTER OF SECURITY CLEARANCE.

4. MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SHORT NOTE. IT IS UNAVOIDABLE. LEHMANN

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